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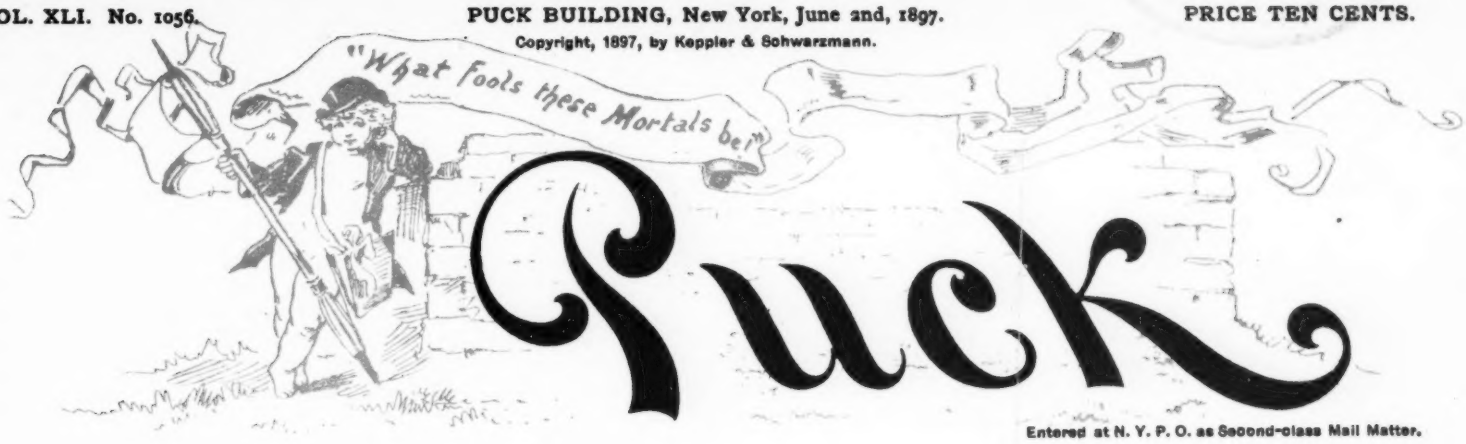

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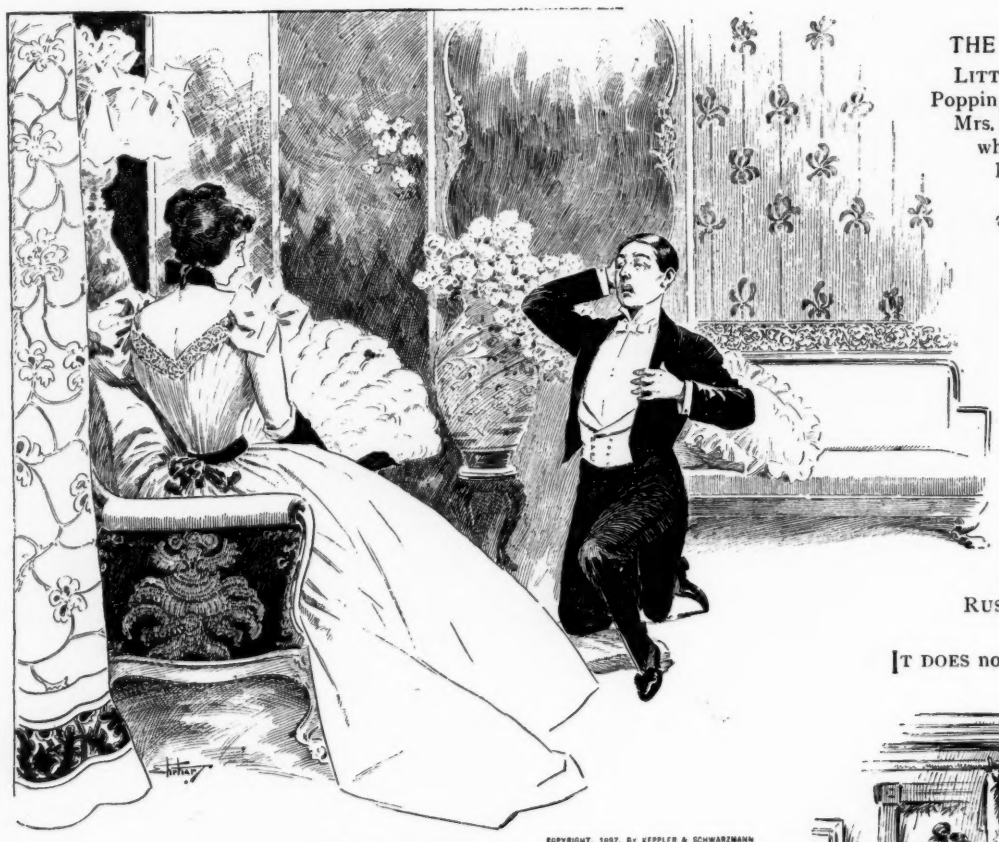
"ACCEPT ME, OR I 'LL LET LOOSE THE TIGER!!!"



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NO HANGING.

"Permit me, then, to die at your feet!" he cried, desperately.

She shivered.

"I see no objection to that," she answered. "All Papa said was that you must n't hang around here."

DID NOT FOLLOW THE TIME-HONORED INSTRUCTIONS.

SMITHER.—What do you think of the verascope photos of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight?

RINKTUMS.—Well, I don't think Corbett "looked pleasant" while the photographer was taking the pictures of the last round.

FARSIGHTED.

MRS. O'FINNEGAN.—Why don't ye pump faster? Ye won't get the tub full by noon working at that rate.

O'FINNEGAN.—D' ye suppose I want to pump the cistern dhry fillin' yer measly tub?

HARD LUCK.

FIRST BURGLAR.—How did you come out on that bicycle you swiped this Spring, Bill?

SECOND BURGLAR *(disgustedly)*.—I don't pinch no more wheels! I had to file off the manufacturer's number, which spoiled the guarantee, and I went broke payin' for repairs!

WHY HE WAS SILENT.

FIRST BOARDER.—I don't hear this new man complaining any more. Is he satisfied?

SECOND BOARDER.—No; he 's subdued.

THE INFANT'S STATUS.

LITTLE CLARENCE.—Pa, Mr. Poppington is a Republican and Mrs. Poppington a Democrat; what ought their baby's politics to be?

MR. CALLIPERS *(busy with his newspaper)*.—I don't know. What do you think about it?

LITTLE CLARENCE.—Why, I guess it makes a calamity howler of him.

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

LITTLE CLARENCE.—Pa, what does descriptive music describe?

MR. CALLIPERS.—Nothing, my son.

COMPULSORY ENJOYMENT.

COMPANION.—Are you enjoying that cigar, Russells?

RUSSELLS AGE.—Well, I 've got to. It cost five cents!

IT DOES no harm to believe in Fate if you act as if you did not.

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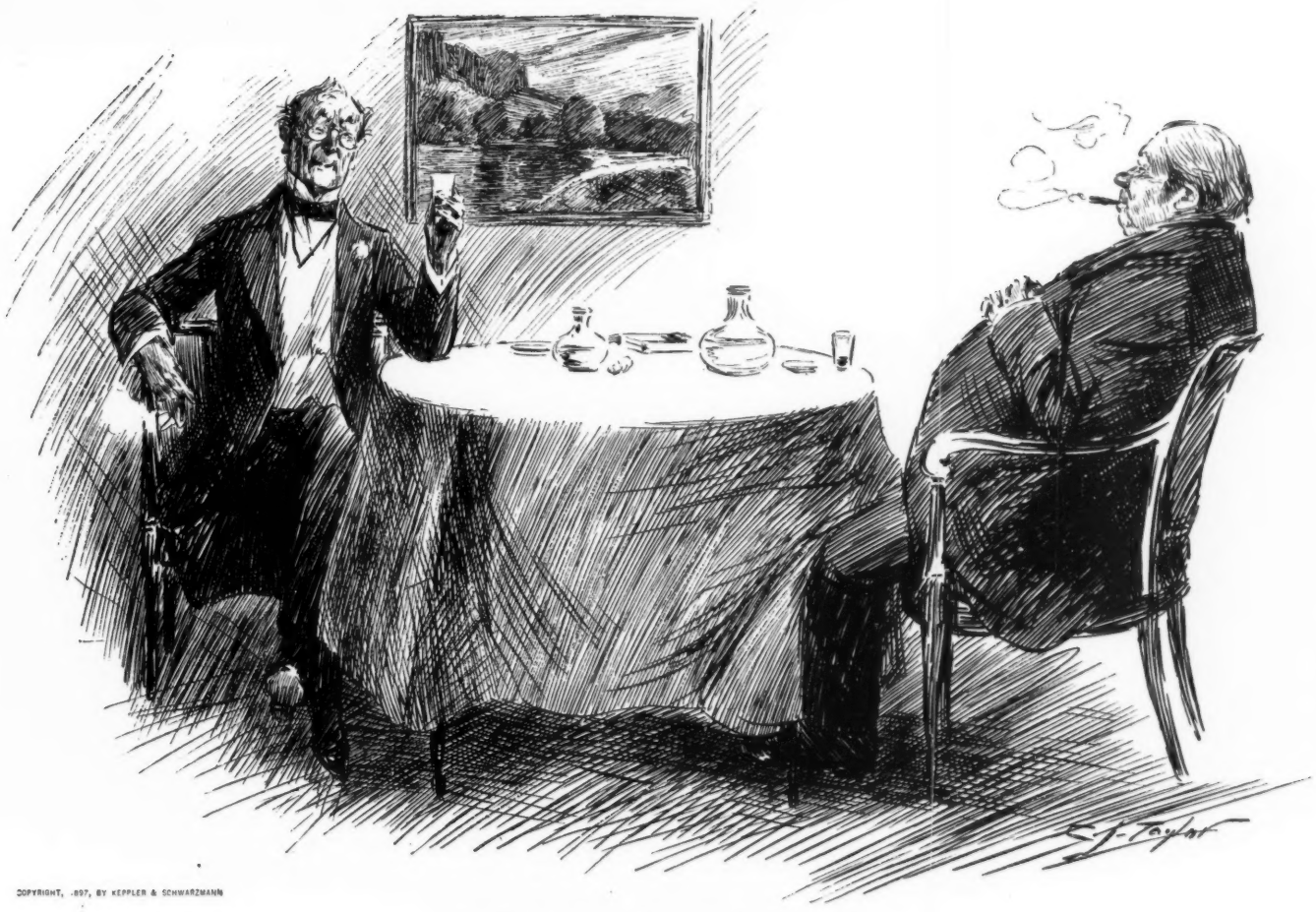
LONELYVILLE THOUGHTFULNESS.

MRS. ISOLATE *(of Lonelyville)*.—There is a scissors grinder at the door, Ferdinand. Have you anything you wish ground?

MR. ISOLATE *(thoughtfully)*.—No; but tell him to go next-door, to Mr. Hermitage's. I want to borrow Hermitage's lawnmower tomorrow, and it needs sharpening terribly!



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THE BENCH AND THE ALTAR.

REV. DR. THEOLOGUE.—I don't see how you can impose a life-sentence on a man without a shudder.
JUDGE BLACKSTONE.—And I don't see how *you* can. You a married man, yourself, too!

AN EXPLANATION.

JIMMY.—Is an empire an' an umpire de same t'ing, Tommy?
TOMMY.—Putty much de same, Jimmy. An empire is a place what 's run by an emperor, an' he tries to boss t'ings as much like an umpire as he can.

IN THE ASYLUM.

DOCTOR.—Your friend shows some improvement.
PATIENT'S FRIEND.—Does he?
DOCTOR.—Yes; he admits that he 's a crank.

DOES NOT WANT IT ALL.

She shares things with her husband, though
He seems to take it ill;
She has a bird's wing on her hat,
And lets him have the bill.

A THEORY.

BROWN.—What *is* a post-graduate course, anyhow?
JONES.—I don't know exactly, but I think it 's some arrangement to enable the students to devote themselves exclusively to athletics during the ordinary college course, and take up their studies after they graduate.

AN ILLUSTRATION.

"People do not appreciate what they can get without trouble."
"That 's so. Statistics show that seventy per cent. of the inhabitants of Dakota have never applied for a divorce."

IN NEW ENGLAND.

VISITOR.—You don't really eat pie at breakfast, do you?
NATIVE.—Oh, yes! If you eat pie in the morning it won't give you the nightmare.

REVISED.

FRIEND.—The baby is doing well, is n't he?
PAPA.—Yes, indeed! His motto is, "Cry and grow fat."

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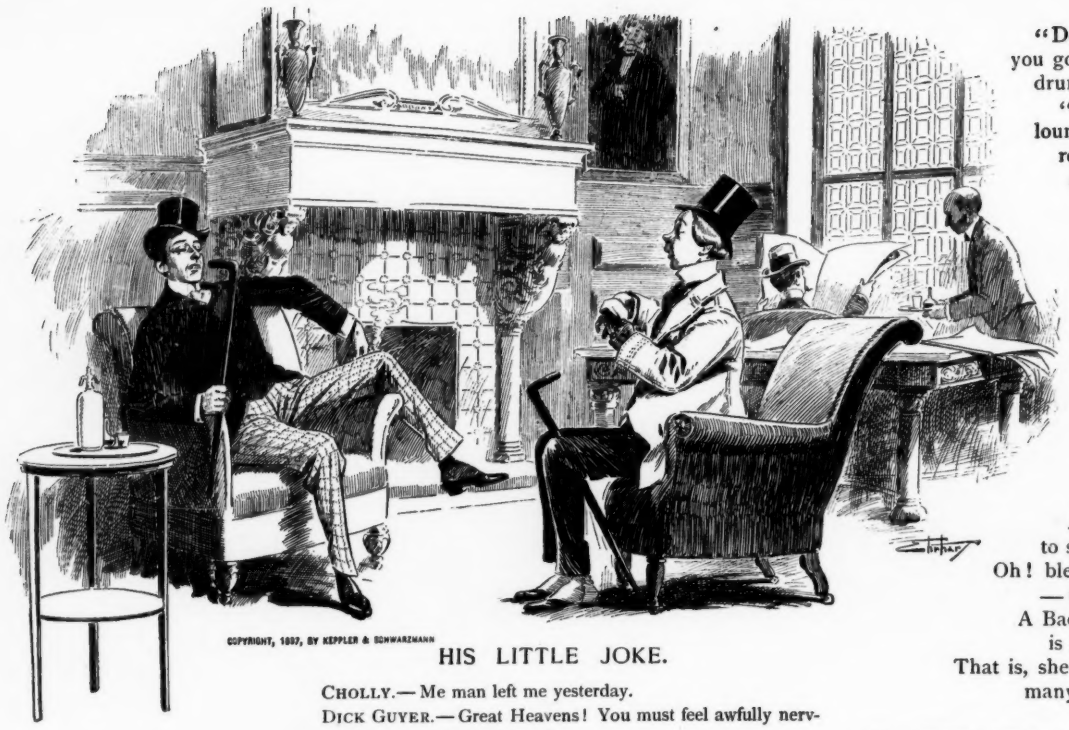
IT SMACKED OF MATRIMONY.

TORNE TATTERS.—Uv course it 's none uv my business, Pard, but wuz you ever married?
RAMBLING RUBE.—No! Wot makes you ask?
TORNE TATTERS.—Wy, I wuz wonderin' how you ever acquired dat habit uv sleepin' wit' yer hands in yer pockets.



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HIS LITTLE JOKE.

CHOLLY.— Me man left me yesterday.

DICK GUYER.— Great Heavens! You must feel awfully nervous without a man in the house?

HIS PLAN.

"Don't you sometimes get lost in the woods when you go 'possum hunting alone at night?" asked the drummer.

"Nope," replied the Arkansaw lad, who was lounging on the porch of the store at the cross-roads. "When I find I don't know whur I am at I jest pick out the way I feel shore leads towards home, an' then turn right around an' go in the other direction; that alwers fetches me home by the shortest path."

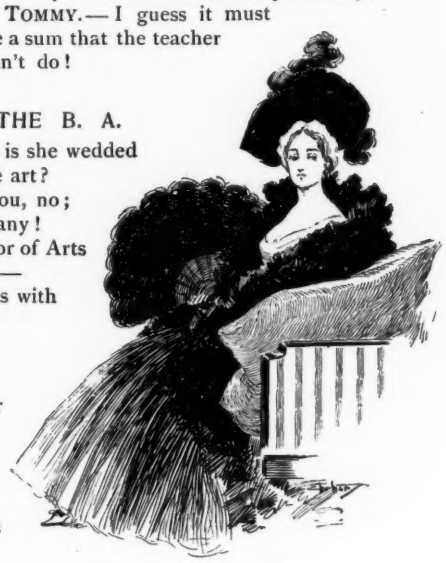
A CONJECTURE.

JIMMY.— What do you suppose they mean by "a mathematical impossibility?"

TOMMY.— I guess it must be a sum that the teacher can't do!

THE B. A.

And is she wedded
to some art?
Oh! bless you, no;
— not any!
A Bachelor of Arts
is she,—
That is, she flirts with
many.



REASON ENOUGH.

PETERBEE.— What on earth has given Smitherton such a bicycle-face? He does n't ride a bicycle.

SMYTHE.— No; but he had to buy three bicycles for his family to ride.

A SUBURBAN WEDDING TOUR.

MRS. ISOLATE *(of Lonelyville, interestedly).*— What sort of a wedding trip are Alethea Obscurely and Mr. Auctionlot going to take, Ferdinand?

MR. ISOLATE *(enthusiastically).*— Why, he 's bought her a monthly commutation ticket, like his, and she 's going to ride in and out from the city with him on it until it 's used up!

AN ATTRACTION.

JOHNNY.— Mama, I wish our family belonged to the Salvation Army!

MAMA.— Why?

JOHNNY.— Because, if we did, I could beat the drum when I go to Sunday school!

IN BOSTON.

EMERSON.— Little Browning Jones used a shocking expression to-day!

MAMA.— Was it very naughty, Emerson?

EMERSON.— It was ungrammatical!

HIS STANDING.

FULTON.— Are you one of the patrons of the elevated?

HARLEM.— Naw; I am one of the hangers-on!

EXPURGATION RECOMMENDED.

"I think I see how this amateur theatrical performance could be improved."

"What would you suggest?"

"Leaving *Hamlet* out."

THE STORY OF A TOY.

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MR. ISAACSTEIN.— Look, Ikey, vot Popper pought you! Look, Mommer, vot Popper puys Ikey. A nice little toy store for him to blay mit.

MR. ISAACSTEIN.— Yes, Repecca, der is nodding like gommencing young to teach a schild der vays of peesness. I pays me two tollar for dot toy, but schoost t'inks vat it vill teach him!

PAVING THE WAY.

MR. SPONGER.— Wifey, what date is this?

MRS. SPONGER.— The fifth. Why do you ask?

MR. SPONGER.— I am writing to Uncle Hiram, in Scroogeville, asking why he and the family did n't come down and see us during the Winter.

WOULD BEAT THE METER.

"How much gas do you burn in a month?"

"If I knew how to tell I could make a fortune."

MR. ISAACSTEIN *(one hour later).*— Nora, have you seen anyt'ings of leetle Ikey undt his leetle toy store?

NORA.— Yis! He was afther takin' it out in the yard 'bout tin minutes ago.

MR. ISAACSTEIN.— Fader Aprahams! Vat vas dot poy doing? He has made a fire out mit dot store.

MR. ISAACSTEIN *(wildly elated).*— Hoop-la! Vat I gares me for two tollars ven it shows me dot mein leetle Ikey haf knowledge of peesness. Oh, mein leetle Ikey! He vill be rolling in vealth some tays. Oh, mein leetle Ikey, der infandt brodigy of der whole vorldt!

"HE LAUGHS BEST WHO LAUGHS LAST."

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CAPTAIN OF BLACKVILLES *(just before the game).*— Good lawd! wot an aggregation of base-ball players! Talk about yer plum-puddin's! — dem tanks can never hit de ball, nor run bases to save deir lives. Dey won't be in it!

But when every man on the Darktown Nine who came to the bat was either given his base on balls or hit by the ball, if it was pitched over the plate, things began to look different; — they did n't need to run bases — they could walk.

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

MARJORY OBJECTS to smoking. She tells me it is expensive, and has informed me several times that we could keep a span of horses with the money I burn up. This would be worth considering, but for the fact that since the time I tipped Marjory into a snowbank, when giving her a sleigh-ride, she has vowed that nothing could induce her to risk her life behind a horse with me. How can I be expected to give up my cigars for the pleasure of seeing her riding around with another man?

Marjory not only considers smoking expensive, but, besides, it chokes her. I have known of smoke penetrating through four rooms and giving her a severe choking spell. Sometimes tobacco smoke is more suffocating than at other times. It is quite apt to be almost strangulating in its effect after I have been trying to play the agreeable to some of Marjory's fair callers.

The other evening I invited a friend of mine to call, who is quite a musician for an amateur. Marjory loves music, and as he entertained us at the piano it put her in the best of spirits. She was a delightful hostess and put herself out most amazingly, even going so far as to ask him to try some of my cigars. I suppose she takes a matronly pride in letting all my bachelor friends see what they are missing, but I was surprised at this unusual graciousness, and more so from the fact that the night before she had such a spasm of coughing, from smoke catching in her throat, that I was on the point of going for the doctor.

We offered to go into another room while enjoying the cigars, but she would not hear to it for a minute, so we puffed away, between reminiscences. I watching Marjory solicitously as the room gradually grew blue; she sat there chattering and laughing, to all appearances totally oblivious of the fact that smoke was accumulating in thick wreaths and heaps all over the room.

After our visitor had gone I told Marjory that I noticed that smoke was certainly very mystifying in its effect on a person's throat. I said: "It 's like this. Last night I smoked a cigar in the kitchen and you nearly choked to death by getting a few whiffs in the parlor, and to-night we fill the room with smoke till it hangs like a London fog, and you are not affected by it in the least. I don't understand it." "Well," said Marjory, in the cheerful manner of a martyr who has abandoned all hope of ever being understood, "I felt differently to-night."

Frank Sawin Bailey.

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NOT GUILTY.

SHE.— I think it is cruel to catch fish.

HE.— But I 'm not catching any. I 'm merely feeding them.

NEW TO HIM.

FRIEND. — Any novelties this season?

IMPRESSARIO.— Yes; I 've found a soprano who does n't want the earth.

HIS MALADY.

MAN FROM RED DOG.— What caused Polecat Pete's death?

ALKALI IKE.— Throat trouble.

"The result of exposure?"

"Nope; result of hoss-stealin'."

IN BOSTON.

THE LITTLE PATIENT.— Papa, were mustard plasters used when you were a boy?

PAPA.— Yes, Waldo.

THE LITTLE PATIENT. — It is strange that after so many years medical science should have failed to discover some agreeable substitute.

QUITE LIKELY.

TELLER.— Stutts is a man who sticks to his word.

ASKINS.— That so?

TELLER. — Yes; he stammers terribly!

NOT JOURNALISTIC JINGO.

HICKS.—Well, I heard you did n't whip the editor the other day. Too much for you, eh? Bring the whole editorial staff to bear on you?

WICKS.—I don't know but you might call it a staff, but it felt more like a hickory cane.

A LONG JOURNEY.

COBBLE.—Its wonderful how far a five dollar bill will go!

STONE.—What were you thinking of?

"The one I let you have. It must have traversed the country several times since then."

HER CREED.

"Is Mrs. Dismal orthodox?"

"Oh, yes!—I have often heard her say that she feared many people would be saved who did n't deserve it!"

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HIS READY EXCUSE.

MAMMY.—See yere, yo' Jefferson! why foh did'n' yo' cut me no wood to cook de fish with?

JEFFERSON.—I done 'membered 'bout dat, Mammy; so I did n't ketch no fish.

PERFECT SOCIETY MANNERS.

BARLING.—Has n't Miss Ottinger perfect society manners?

HOSKINSON.—Yes; she can say unpleasant things more pleasantly than any one I know.

ON THE ROAD TO IT.

"He is a dyspeptic, is he not?"

"Not yet; but he 's a decided epicure."

NOT WHAT HE WANTED.

She wants to be a Quaker maid;
I think that is her end;
When begged to be my wife she said
That she would be a Friend.

DISTANCE LENDS ENCHANTMENT.

SANDY.—Yes, I called the old son of a gun a liar and everything else I could think of. I told him if he ever opened his head to me I 'd break every bone in his body.

VANDY.—What did he say to that?

SANDY.—I don't know yet. He won't get the letter till evening.

YOU CAN'T convince two birds in the bush that one in the hand is of greater value.

WORRY WON'T keep away trouble, and advice won't keep away worry.

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A GOOD WAY.

TOURIST *(in Oklahoma)*.—How is the best way to prepare for the coming of a cyclone?

ALKALI IKE *(laconically)*.—J'ine the church.

NOT BACKING HIS CHANCES.

BENEVOLENT PARTY.—Be a good boy, my son; you may be President, yet.

TOMMY TOUGH.—Mebbe so; but I 'm a pretty dark horse just now.

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TWINS.

LITTLE ELSIE *(showing her dolls, proudly)*.—This dolly is a twin dolly!

CALLER *(amused)*.—A twin?

LITTLE ELSIE *(earnestly)*.—Yes; Papa bought it and another dolly for me downtown at the store, *both on the same day!*

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THE NEW CITY'S CHANCE.

THE NEW New York is, as Mr. Platt has wistfully said, "a city of magnificent possibilities." The politician hungry for spoils finds it so, and so does the plain tax-payer, anxious to get value for his money. The tax-payer sees the possibility of getting a good government for the second largest city in the world. Mr. Platt sees seventy-five million dollars worth of patronage, and the richest territory that has ever been thrown open to political raiders. It will be guessed that Mr. Platt and the tax-payer are at odds. The tax-payer wants to elect a Mayor who will do well by the city. Mr. Platt wants to elect a Mayor who will do well by Mr. Platt. And if Mr. Platt can't have his own way he is going to try to turn the city over to Tammany. He wants some of the spoils, and he is n't particular how he gets them. But he is going to fool the tax-payer if he can.

* * *

In spite of the great work to be done by the Mayor of this new city — this "consolidation of interests comparable to the union of the Thirteen Colonies," as Mr. Platt says, — this vast work of securing better and cheaper transportation, more comfortable homes, lower rents, improvement of water fronts. extension of parks and the securing of larger revenues from public franchises, — Mr. Platt insists that the new Mayor be chosen for his ability to do none of these things, but for his views upon the tariff and the national money policy. He is dreadfully afraid that unless he watches us very carefully we 'll elect an anarchist for Mayor; that if we don't elect a Mayor who believes in Sound Money and a high tariff and Municipal Corruption, the people down at Washington won't be able to save the national honor, after all. If we elect a Mayor pledged to honest, sensible government, he foresees that "the Red Flag of Disorder and Confiscation" will flutter over us. And he becomes so worked up over this and so intolerant of those who disagree with him that he quite forgets his manners and denounces them bitterly as "best citizens." He knows no harsher epithet. It seems to mean to him all that is weak and imbecile and vile and wanton. If any one should call Mr. Platt a best citizen we suspect he would have to fight or run. But this suspicion is in a poor way to be verified.

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The Citizens' Union seems to have evoked the full volume of Mr. Platt's wrath. In his rage he has called its members "best citizens" repeatedly. And he has made a very plain, clear threat as to what he will do to New York if they persist in disputing his divine right to rule them: he will turn the city over to Tammany. This is no mere whim or idle threat of Mr. Platt's. It is the carefully studied programme of the Republican organization in New York City, and it will not fail for lack of effort.

* * *

Mr. Platt's frankness will relieve the tax-payer of a long-standing doubt on one subject. There can be no pretense hereafter that there is any moral difference between Tammany and the Republican organization in this city. Tammany has been built up on money extorted from saloon-keepers, gamblers and prostitutes, on malfeasance in office, and an earnest and constant study of the best ways to rob the tax-payer. Its system of government is precisely that which Mr. Platt is now trying to force the city to accept from him. If the tax-payer is convinced that the campaign of the Citizens' Union is futile, he need not bother himself further about the city's affairs. As between Mr. Platt's man and Mr. Croker's man, one will rob him as deftly and as thoroughly as the other.

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But there is a more hopeful view which the tax-payer may take if he is willing to be branded as a "best citizen" by Mr. Platt. With the right candidate put early into the field, there would be a clean division next Fall as between good and bad government. On one side will be a candidate pledged to the Platt-Croker system of government by black-mail, the system of putting the rum-soaked and palsied on the city's pay rolls because they are Democrats or Republicans. On the other side will be a candidate pledged only to a platform of straight, honest devotion to the city's interests, regardless of whether its servants shall be Democrats, Republicans, Presbyterians or 7th Day Adventists. One candidate will have the party organization on his banner, the other the City. It would at least be an interesting experiment thus to line up the forces for good and bad government in this city at its maiden election. It seems worth trying. And if it should succeed we should put in force an influence for good that would long prevail against the Platt-Croker theory of government for the benefit of the office-holders.

"NOW COUGHING DROWNS THE PARSON'S SAW."

HE HAS coughed and coughed, till a foreign trip
Came again from his congregation;
Oh! our parson has n't lost his grip,
And he 's gone on a long vacation!

R. L. Mc.

UNSCIENTIFIC.

SUBORDINATE. — General, what do you think of Edhem Pasha?
GEN. WEYLER. — Pooh! He ran his campaign without a trocha.

AS TO THEIR NUMBER.

SMYTHE. — Those ultimatums of the Powers are singular things, are n't they?

TOMPKINS. — I 'll bet you the Sultan does n't think so! By this time he must regard 'em as being almost as plural as his marriages.

JUST FALL OFF.

Since I have tried to ride a wheel
I 've to my sorrow found
You do not have to pedal much
To cover lots of ground.

IN DRYEST NEW YORK.

TEACHER. — Name the Sandwich Islands.
PRIZE PUPIL. — Hawaii, Honolulu and Manhattan on Sunday.

A NATURAL SUPPOSITION.

"Military operations in Cuba are suspended during the rainy season."

"Yes? Then, no doubt, General Weyler spends a good deal of his time praying for rain."

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WHAT DID SHE MEAN?

VAN DABBLE. — This is my latest picture. I sold it yesterday.
VISITOR. — Indeed? You *are* a genius!

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TALUS OF TO-DAY.

ERROR IN PROVERBS.

SOMEONE WHO himself was the possessor of a few brains said, once upon a time, that a proverb is "the wisdom of many expressed by the wit of one."

But he did n't get it quite right. In some proverbs that which is expressed is not wisdom, and in others the wisdom is sadly garbled by means of false syntax.

Which the same I shall proceed to prove.

The person who first said that "all that glitters is not gold" no doubt meant well enough, but his English was somewhat unsteady upon its legs, and the result was that he said something is which is not. Gold frequently glitters; therefore it is included in "all that glitters;" and if all that glitters is "not gold" then it follows, logically from false data, that gold itself is not gold. What the person doubtless meant to say was that not all that glitters is gold.

The saying that "it 's an ill wind that blows nobody good" is merely the statement of a self-evident truth, and therefore is not wisdom. The thought that was to be conveyed probably was that there 's rarely a wind so ill that it blows nobody good.

"It 's a long lane that has no turn" is not a truth. Short lanes are far more likely to be straight than long ones. A long lane without a turn would be a remarkable one.

"Faint heart never won fair lady" has a refutation in every henpecked husband in this vale of tears.

"Where ignorance is bliss 't were folly to be wise" is a saying that was spoiled in the making by the use of a wrong adverb. Surely, in a place where ignorance was considered a condition of bliss, a few wise persons, like bunco-steerers and green-goods men, would have a protracted picnic. The saying should be: "When ignorance is bliss," etc. There are times for every individual when not to know a thing gives peace of mind, and therefore happiness; but a place where always to know nothing is joy for all, does not exist.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss" implies that an accumulation of moss upon a stone is very desirable. But every one knows that a moss-covered stone is useless, both for building and for paving. And if ever you have stepped upon a nice, round stone wearing an overcoat of green, moist moss, you doubtless have wished that that stone had rolled many many miles out of your way.

"It is never too late to mend" ceases to be true when a steam boiler that might have been mended has flown skyward in many pieces.

"It is always darkest just before the dawn" has never been true, except in villages and small cities where they turn out the street lights at 3 A. M.

"Virtue is its own reward" presents another example of faulty construction. There is nothing in the sentiment as it is expressed that is calculated to lure people to the perpetration of virtue. But if it had been said that virtue *brings* its own reward that would have been a promise of something, something vague and indefinite, it is true; but still sufficient to cause people to "make a try" for it.

"It takes a thief to catch a thief" is a reflection on the character of Old Sleuth, Hawkshaw, Monsieur Lecocq, Sherlock Holmes, and other eminent thief-takers, some of whom, at least, were honest.

Examples like these, showing how much error there is in sayings that always have been accepted blindly as the essence of wisdom, might be continued indefinitely, but those that have been given are quite sufficient to prove "quod erat demonstrandum."

Arthur Lucas.

A PRESENT.

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SYMPATHETIC WOMAN.—Are you the murderer who has just been sentenced to life-imprisonment?

MURDERER *(grimly)*.—Yes 'm.

SYMPATHETIC WOMAN.—Well, a few of us ladies wish to present you with a token of our sympathy. We heard you cared nothing for flowers, so they have delegated me to present you with this beautiful silver-handled umbrella.

WILLY'S STRATEGY.

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LITTLE WILLY.—O Mama!—won't you please buy me one of those toy rats?

MOTHER.—No, Willy;—I can not afford to waste money on nonsensical things like those!

AT THE POST.—You don't mean to say you have your money on Messenger Boy?

THAYER OFF.—Sure! He 'll win in a walk!

THE MAN who comes to the conclusion that he has made a fool of himself is usually mistaken. The woman did it.

LITTLE WILLY.—O Uncle Jack!—will you please let me take your terrier outdoors for a little while?

UNCLE JACK.—Certainly, Willy!

LITTLE WILLY.—Say, Mister, what will you give me to take this dog home and tie him up? Will you give me one of the rats?

PEDDLER.—Yes, you little brat! Grab one quick, and git!

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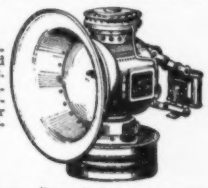

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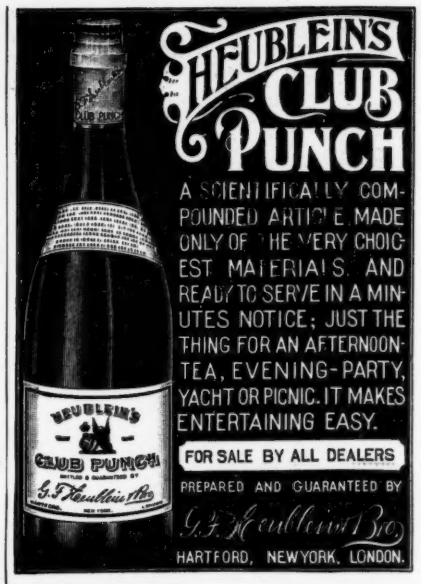

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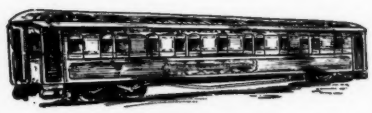

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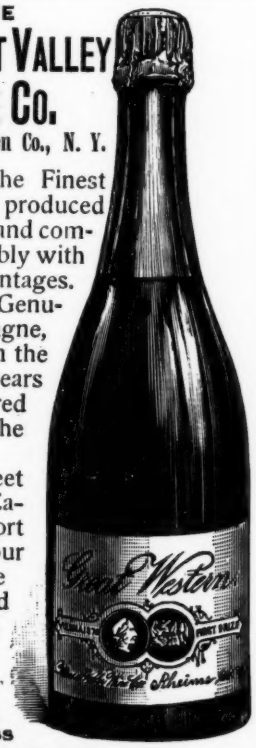

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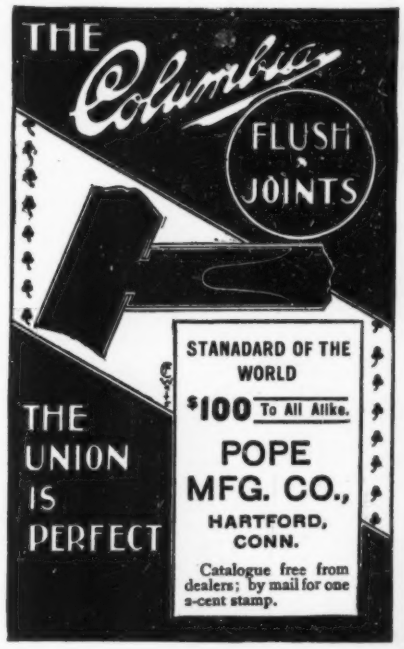
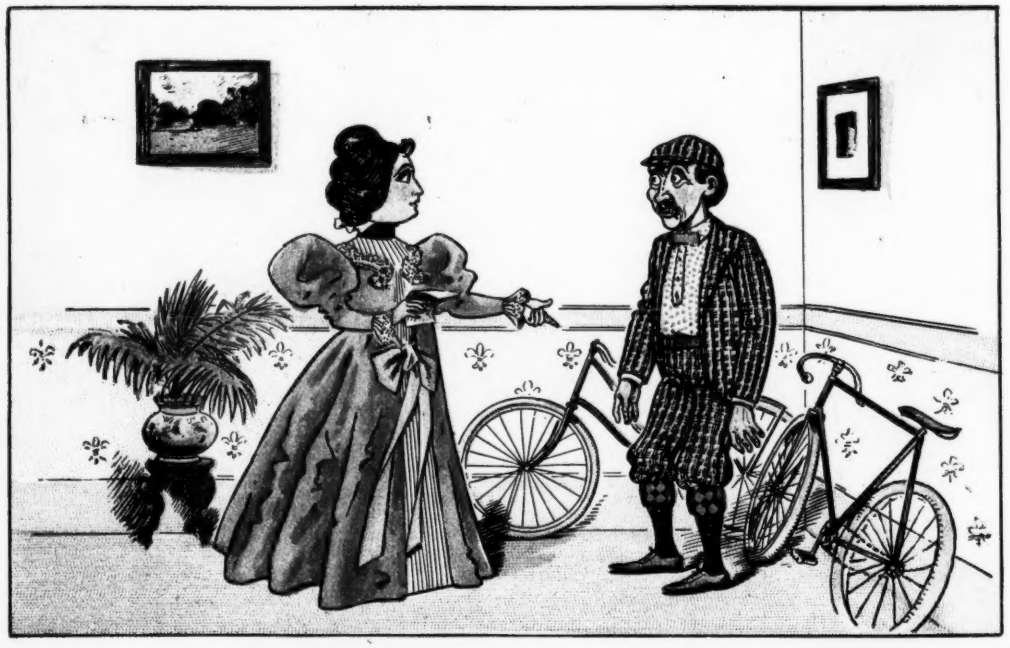
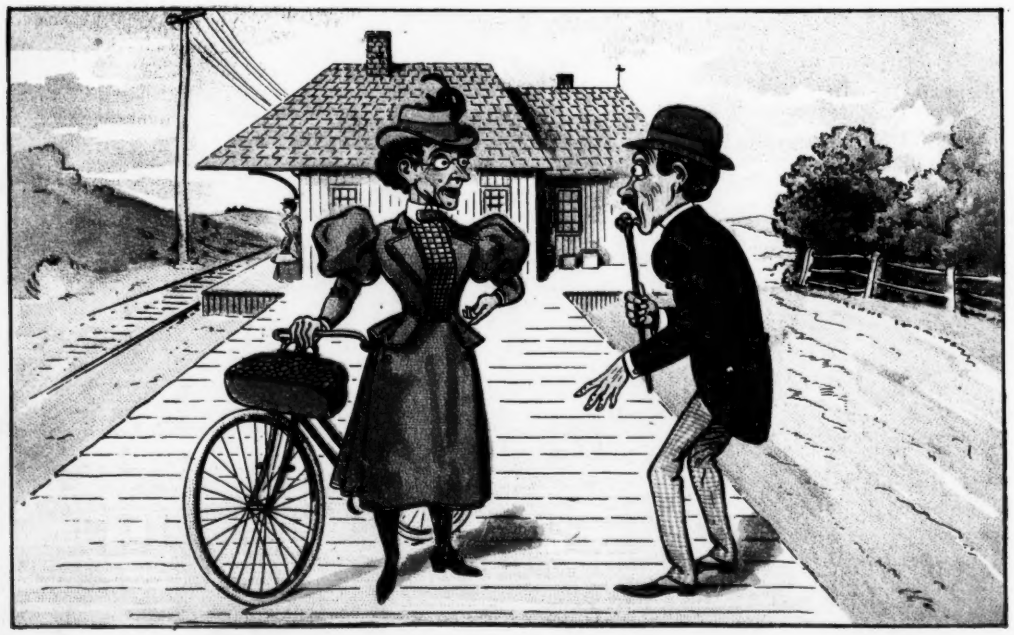




MRS. WHEELER.— John, I have just received a letter from Aunt Hannah, — the one who is going to leave us all her money, you know, — saying that she will be here to pay us a prolonged visit. Now, you know how cranky she used to be; so put the bicycles in the cellar where she won't see them. Then go up and take off your bicycle suit and go to the station and meet her. You know we shall have to humor her while she is here.

MR. WHEELER *(on his way to the station)*.— Confound it all! Here we will have to give up our bicycles for two weeks or more and entertain a cranky woman, just for the sake of a few paltry thousand dollars. Confound it all, I say!



AUNT HANNAH *(as* WHEELER *arrives at the station)*.—Why, nephew, how do you do? Awful glad to see you! My train got in five minutes ahead of time, and I have been waiting for you. Did you walk all the way here from your home? Don't you ride a bicycle? Why, you are not up-to-date at all! I brought mine down with me.

AUNT HANNAH.— Why, I certainly would n't think of allowing you to walk back home when I — one of the most expert wheelwomen in our section — have my wheel along. Hold on tight! I'm going to scorch down this hill!

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